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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR ITU LF/MF BROADCASTING
CONFERENCE

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1. TIMING AND AGENDA. FONOFF REP (VON POETZ) STATED THAT FRG WOULD PREFER THAT THE NEXT LF/MF PREPARATORY MEETING TAKE PLACE 12-19 FEBRUARY 1975, SINCE FRG SCHEDULED TO MAKE SERIES OF DECISIONS RE RADIO MATTERS TOWARD END OF FEBRUARY AND WOULD PREFER TO HAVE CONSULTED WITH US AND BE AWARE OF US POSITION PRIOR TO MAKING THESE DECISIONS. FRG ASSUMES PREPARATORY MEETING WIL REQUIRE ONLY ONE DAY, BUT IS WILLING TO ACCEPT US SUGGESTION FOR TWO-DAY CONFERENCE SHOULD THIS PROVE NECESSARY. FRG PROPOSED AGENDA: A. REPORT BY FRG AND US REPS ON RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT VIEWS OF FIRST GENEVA CONFERENCE. B. NATIONAL (FRG AND USG) AND INTERNATIONAL (CEPT AND EBU) PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND GENEVA CONFERENCE. C. US TRANSMITTERS IN THE FRG AND BERLIN (1) STATIONS IN GERMANY WHICH THE FRG WILL

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REGISTER FOR THE US. (2) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE US AND

THE FRG SHOULD ACCEPT THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE FIRST GENEVA CONFERENCE. (3) BERLIN TRANSMITTERS. D. ARRANGEMENTS FOR US/FRG CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO AND DURING THE SECOND GENEVA CONFERENCE. (VON PLOETZ STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS WERE THE "FIRST THOUGHTS" OF THE FRG OFFICIALS CONCERNED, AND THAT THE FRG LOOKED FORWARD TO US COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS.)

2. IMPACT ON MF SITUATION IN FRG. VON PLOETZ STATED THE FRG IS AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF STATE AND FEDERAL CONSULTATIONS DESIGNED TO EVALUATE THE FIRST GENEVA CONFERENCE AND DETERMINE ITS IMPACT ON THE FRG MF SITUATION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CEPT MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD TOWARD THE END OF JANUARY, AND THAT THE FRG WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER THE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE CEPT CONFERENCE BEFORE DETERMINING ITS OWN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE RESULTS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE FRG VIEW RE "IMPACT" WILL, THEREFORE, NOT BE READY UNTIL EARLY FEBRUARY.

3. VON PLOETZ EMPHASIZED THAT THE FONOFF IS THE EXECUTIVE MINISTRY CHARGED WITH COORDINATING INTER-MINISTERIAL RADIO MATTERS FOR THE FRG, AND STRESSED THAT THE FRG WISHES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US REPS IN DEVELOPING COMMON POSITIONS IN MATTERS OF PARALLEL INTEREST WHICH MIGHT ARISE DURING THE SECOND GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE FRG FEELS STRONGLY THAT "THE MORE CAREFUL AND THOROUGH US AND GERMAN PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND CONFERENCE ARE, THE BETTER THE CHANCES THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL PROVE BENEFICIAL TO THE US AND THE FRG." HILLENBRAND

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